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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN WTO

REF: GENEVA 6594; GENEVA 6969

1. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE MEETINGS WE HAVE HELD (REFS A AND B) AND PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS THAT THERE IS A MARKED LACK OF ENTHUSIASM AMONG MOST DC'S FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WTO. THEY ARE BEING CARRIED ALONG BY EVENTS AND, AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE, RESPONDING TO U.S. LEADERSHIP. SWEDEN WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT JOIN. THE NETHERLANDS AND ITALY ARE UNLIKELY TO BECOME MEMBERS BY NOV 1, 1975, IF ONLY BECAUSE OF THE SLOWNESS OF THEIR RATIFICATION PROCEDURES. THE BRITISH ARE DOUBTFUL. THE JAPANESE, BELGIANS AND OTHERS ARE NOT EVEN PREPARED TO INVOKE ARTICLE 42.

2. NO COUNTRIES HAVE GIVEN US ANY POSITIVE REASON FOR MEMBERSHIP. SOME ARE SIMPLY GOING ALONG WITH THE MAJORITY. OTHERS HAVE RESORTED TO THE OLD CLICHE THAT IT IS BETTER TO BE INSIDE THE ORGANIZATION WHERE SOME INFLUENCE CAN BE EXERTED, THAN OUTSIDE.

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3. THE MISSION IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSESS THE  
PROS AND CONS OF U.S. MEMBERSHIP. WHAT IS CLEAR TO  
US, HOWEVER, IS THAT IF THE U.S. SHOULD DECIDE NOT  
TO JOIN, THIS DECISION WOULD INFLUENCE MOST DC'S.  
THE RESULT WOULD BE AN ORGANIZATION LARGELY COM-  
POSED OF LDC'S, AND MOST PEOPLE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT  
SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD BE VIABLE. WE BELIEVE  
IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE/  
USTS TO REASSESS THE POSSIBLE VALUE TO USG OF  
MEMBERSHIP, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS.DALE

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